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Rep. Doyle: Structural Deficit shows lack of Bipartisanship
Bipartisan Cooperation is needed to fix desperate financial situation

MADISON - The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau announced today that Wisconsin now faces a \$1.8 billion dollar deficit due to lower than predicted tax collections. Upon hearing this news, Representative Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) said, "this is just the latest in a string of terrible numbers that show exactly what happens to the economy when politicians don't find away to work together. Because of this stubborn partisanship, Wisconsin is now facing one of the worst financial situations we have seen in years."

"We already knew that the Legislature was going to have some tough days ahead in the next session because of last week's news about the gap in predicted state revenue," said Doyle. "But a \$1.8 billion dollar structural deficit means that everything we wanted to do and everything that was promised to be dealt with in the New Year will be pushed back."

The Fiscal Bureau noted that this deficit will cost each individual taxpayer in the state hundreds of dollars over the next biennium.

"It is time for representatives from both parties to work together to come up with creative solutions to fix this deficit. We cannot afford to leave our children and our grandchildren a state that is unable to balance a budget. We need to put partisanship aside and come together to remedy this situation before things can get even worse."